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The family of Alexander Ewing moved from Troy, Ohio to Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1822. The family consisted of Colonel Ewing; his wife Charlotte, sister of Capt. William Griffith; four sons; and his three daughters. Members of this family became very influential in the affairs of the West during the two score years preceding the outbreak of the War of the Rebellion.

Alexander Ewing was born in Pennsylvania in 1753. He became a Colonel in the Miami County Militia and joined General Harrison in his relief expedition to Fort Wayne in 1812. Colonel Ewing served in the army in a detachment of spies and continued throughout the campaign to the battle of the Thames. He lived but five years after the family settled in Fort Wayne, but in that brief period he established one of the pioneer taverns and became owner of real estate which is today of great value.

Of his four sons, Charles W. became Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court; William G., a prominent lawyer and jurist, was the first man to be admitted to the bar in Allen County; George W., one of the most widely known business men of his day in the middle West; and Alexander H., a prosperous Cincinnati merchant. William G. Ewing resigned as Judge of the Probate Court in 1836 to engage with his brother, George W. Ewing, in extensive fur trading operations with many branchhouses throughout the central states. At the time of his death in 1854, he was one of the wealthiest men in the middle West.

The residence erected by William G. Ewing in the year 1854 at the Northwest corner of Ewing and Berry Streets, stands today as a fine

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example of early American architecture in this part of the country. The architect was no doubt an Eastern man but his identity is unknown. The home was acquired by Dr. Albert E. Bulson, Jr. in 1915.

While alterations have been made to the original structure, much of the house still remains in its original state. The exterior entrance porch, openings, and railings have not been disturbed and but few minor changes have been made in the interior plan, fire-places, trim, doors and stairways. The basement has been remodeled to provide medical offices with an enclosed outside entrance and a porte cochere added to the exterior.

- Data obtained from a history of the Ewing family prepared by Colonel George W. Ewing in 1855, supplemented by information furnished by Guy Mahurin, Architect, Fort Wayne, Ind.

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